



RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The MotorCities National Heritage Area was formed to preserve and safeguard the cultural, industrial legacy of the automotive history of southeast Michigan in partnership with local historic resources; and

WHEREAS, the MotorCities National Heritage Area has a long history in supporting historic preservation through partnerships with historic districts and sites throughout 16 counties and 10,000 square miles of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, MotorCities National Heritage Area is a catalyst for economic development in Michigan by generating more than \$410 million in economic impacts, supporting 4,560 jobs and generating \$35.4 million in tax revenues mainly through heritage-based tourism;

WHEREAS, legislation was recently introduced in Lansing in the form of House Bill 5232 and Senate Bill 720 that would amend current legislation in regards to local historic districts and will negatively impact historic resources, local historic districts, and local government processes and budgets and put at risk the investments that result from heritage tourism; and

WHEREAS, these amendments pose an immediate threat to partners organizations continued preservation of the heritage area's many invaluable historic resources.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the board of directors of MotorCities National Heritage Area, does not support House Bill 5232 and Senate Bill 720 and offers its support for the current legislation, PA 169 of 1970.

Robert Kreipke, Chairman of the Board
MotorCities National Heritage Area Partnership, Inc.